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Applicants: Lai et al.
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Examiner: Hayes

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AMENDED REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of September 1, 2004 and the Advisory Action of May 10, 2004, Applicants request the entry of this Amended Request for Continued Examination. In addition, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for the Examiner's consideration in place of Applicant's Response to Final Office Action. A Notice of Appeal was filed on March 25, 2004. The Subsequent Appeal was due on May 25, 2004. A three-month extension of time was filed on August 24, 2004 extending the period for response to August 25, 2004 and making this response timely filed.

The Notice of Non-Compliant amendment of September 1, 2004 required the claims be amended to add the text of the withdrawn claims. Claims 2 and 5 have been amended to include the text of the previously withdrawn claims.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this filing.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 6 of this filing.